

MONTANA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 19, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Montana experienced cold temperatures and scattered precipitation, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Reporters noted that precipitation lead to improvements in soil conditions and dryland wheat condition. High temperatures ranged from 39 degrees in Port of Morgan to 64 degrees in Colstrip and Hardin. Low temperatures ranged from -7 degrees in Wisdom to 28 degrees in Superior. Forty-six weather stations reported moisture. The highest amount of precipitation was recorded in Heron with 1.28 inches of moisture. Soil moisture conditions were recorded with 42 percent of topsoil rated very short to short, compared to 28 percent the previous year. Subsoil condition was rated 62 percent very short to short, compared with 34 percent very short to short last year. Winter wheat emergence was 93 percent complete, the same as last year. Corn for grain harvest was 77 percent complete, behind last year's progress of 82 percent complete.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Corn				
Harvested for grain	77	72	82	80
Winter wheat				
Emerged.....	93	90	93	90
Cattle and Calves				
Moved from summer pasture	88	86	80	91
Receiving Supplemental Feed	54	45	16	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from summer pasture	91	89	88	95
Receiving Supplemental Feed	57	55	20	NA

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for field work	4.0	2.3	5.4	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	14	15	10	10
Short	28	30	18	22
Adequate	54	52	61	62
Surplus	4	3	11	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	21	27	11	12
Short	41	41	23	26
Adequate	38	32	57	56
Surplus	--	--	9	6

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range				
Very poor	36	34	13	15
Poor	30	29	17	20
Fair	24	26	36	34
Good	9	10	29	27
Excellent	1	1	5	4
Winter wheat				
Very poor	3	3	--	1
Poor	8	6	2	3
Fair	53	52	22	36
Good	35	38	48	44
Excellent	1	1	28	16

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Montana’s weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Montana/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/MT_Weather_11192017.pdf